

Four new cases of infantile paralysis and three deaths attributed to that sickness were reported yesterday to the Health Department in Brooklyn. This brings the number of cases up to forty-six.

The new suspected cases were reported yesterday. It is expected that an investigation will be made of these cases today, and that the cases under observation will be listed. All the new cases were found on 17th Street, between 10th and 11th Avenues.

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Women Organize to Aid 'Girls Left Behind' By Soldiers Off to Mexico From New York

Mrs. Lewis B. Woodruff and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney Are Doing Noble Work for the Women Folk Left at Home by National Guardsmen—Will Find Work for Them and Children.

By Marguerite Moores Marshall.

The women of New York will not allow the wife or daughter, the mother or sister, of any national guardsman to come to want because the bread winner of the family leaves it at the call of country.

The Women's National Committee of the American Defense Society is perfecting elaborate plans for the war sufferers who will be with us even though our own war be thousands of miles away. A little group of New York society women have pledged themselves personally to protect all the "girls that are left behind"—girls of seven, seventeen or seventy. So, whatever his circumstances, no departing soldier need fear that his loved ones will suffer materially during his absence on the Mexican borderland—or beyond it.

Mrs. Lewis B. Woodruff, who somehow manages to perform the triple functions of social leader, author and philanthropist, told me yesterday afternoon of this new and fine proof of feminine patriotism. She is a member of the Women's Committee of the National Defense Society and Chairman of its sub-committee, which is specially charged with collecting books and magazines for American camps and hospitals.

We sat on the same bench at the dismantled Authors and Artists' Booth of the Allied Forces, and I couldn't help noting that the sea-shell pink of Mrs. Woodruff's cheeks, her wonderful clear, blue eyes, were not even dimmed by three months of almost continuous labor for the most remarkable charitable enterprise ever conducted in this country. And she, for one, is ready to work even harder if that be possible—for our own soldiers and their families than she has worked for the war sufferers in Europe.

The American women who are

giving their men to fight for America are giving the most that can be offered," she said. "Surely other American women, who sacrifice less, should be ready to do what they can for the families of those who are defending us all."

"Of course, many large business establishments have said that their employees who are members of the National Guard would receive full pay and have their positions kept open for them during their absence at the front. But there are innumerable small firms which cannot meet this offer. And it is a question if even some of the larger business houses can keep up their generosity for an



MRS. L. B. WOODRUFF.

indefinite period. If we have war it may be over in two months and it may not.

"What our committee plans to do is to give immediate pecuniary aid, when it is needed, to the women folk whose men are members of the National Guard, and to put work in the hands of these women which will support them decently till the return of their bread winners—husbands, fathers, brothers or sons."

"We have communicated with all the large department stores, and most of them have promised to give our employment bureau the first chance to fill their vacancies. Other reputable business firms throughout the city are doing the same thing. More than one woman of wealth and position has offered to take into her home the wife of some guardsman and her children in exchange for light housework on her part.

"We are to have a central store and workshop where women will be given

ready have had a number of offers to provide for the little children of departing soldiers. A Wall Street banker has written us to-day that he will take two of such children into his own home and give them the best of care till their father returns.

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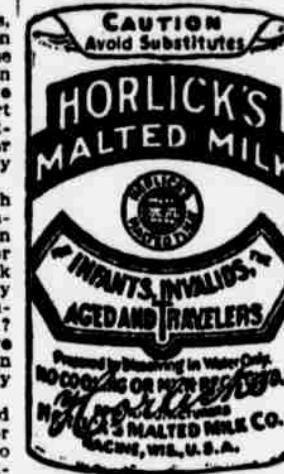
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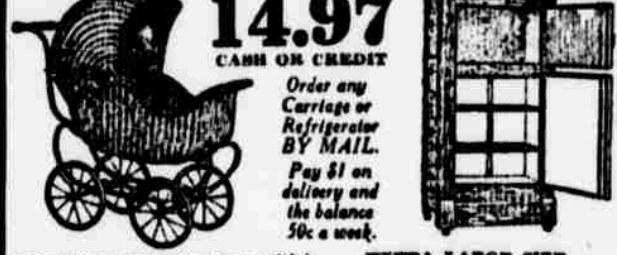
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